

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An apparatus for severing profile pieces of an extruded profile strand $\langle 1 \rangle$ moved in its longitudinal extension, comprising a carriage $\langle 3 \rangle$ which is movable along the profile strand $\langle 1 \rangle$ and comprises a severing device with a saw blade $\langle 7 \rangle$ and at least two clamping jaws $\langle 5, 6 \rangle$ for holding in a non-displaceable manner the carriage $\langle 3 \rangle$ on the profile strand $\langle 1 \rangle$, and comprising a control device $\langle 13 \rangle$ connected with the clamping jaws $\langle 5, 6 \rangle$ and the severing device, which control device triggers the clamping jaws $\langle 5, 6 \rangle$ and the severing device depending on a predetermined length of the profile piece, wherein the severing device is associated with a knife $\langle 8 \rangle$ which can be moved transversally to the longitudinal extension of the profile strand $\langle 1 \rangle$, and that the control device $\langle 13 \rangle$ comprises a selector circuit $\langle 16 \rangle$ for optionally severing the profile piece with the saw blade $\langle 7 \rangle$ or the knife $\langle 8 \rangle$.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the knife is laterally offset relative to the sawing plane of the saw blade $\langle 7 \rangle$ and at least the saw blade

(7) and the knife (8) are encompassed by a common housing (17) fastened to the carriage (3).

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): An apparatus according to claim 1 2, wherein the control device (13) considers a corrective value (18) based on the distance between the saw blade (7) and the knife (8) depending on the selector circuit when triggering the clamping jaws (5, 6) and the severing device.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): An apparatus according to claim 3, wherein an input device (20) for reading in the corrective value (18) is connected with a memory (19) of the apparatus, and that the control device (13) reads out the corrective value (18) from the memory (19) depending on the selector circuit (16).

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the knife (8) consists of a knife disk (21) which is rotatably held about an axis (22) parallel to the longitudinal extension of the profile strand (1).